

Alabama Department of Corrections
Alabama Prisoner Reentry Initiative
Pre-Grantee Award Meeting Agenda
November 6, 2008
10:00-12:00

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: Will the selected FBCO be required to serve 100 female inmates or 100 male inmates?
A: The selected FBCO will be required to serve both male and female inmates, totaling 100 successful inmates. [RFP page 2, *Target Population*] Refer to question 16 for further clarification.
2. Q: Can it be assumed that the ratio of male and female inmates will be similar to the ADOC population?
A: The ADOC can make no guarantee as to the percentage of male and female inmates that will be sent to the selected FBCO.
3. Q: How are the inmates selected for participation in the APRI?
A: Please refer to the ADOC Administrative Regulation 452 Supervised Reentry Program. <http://www.doc.alabama.gov/docs/AdminRegs/AR452.pdf> [RFP page 2, *Target Population*]
4. Q: Is the inmate participation in this Initiative voluntary?
A: Yes. The inmate must agree to participate in the program [RFP page 2, *What Is the Overall Structure of This Initiative?*]
5. Q: Are the 100 inmates served by APRI cover the 2 year period or is it for each year?
A: The selected FBCO will provide services to 100 successful inmates over a two year period. [RFP page 2, *What Is the Overall Structure of This Initiative?*]
6. Q: Please clarify the Alabama Department of Public Health Requirement.
A: Certification from The Alabama Department of Public Health is required if commercial services (i.e. food and water services) are advertised to the general public.
7. Q: In Jefferson County, the county Department of Public Health certifies food services. Is the certification from Jefferson County Public Health acceptable?
A: Follow certification rules in accordance with Alabama State Law.
8. Q: Describe the types of housing that are preferred (supervised, awake night staff, etc)?

A: Please refer to the requirements listed in the ADOC Administrative Regulation 452 Supervised Reentry Program.

<http://www.doc.alabama.gov/docs/AdminRegs/AR452.pdf>

9. Q: Will the inmate be under the jurisdiction of Pardons and Parole?

A: No, the inmate will remain under the supervision and custody of the ADOC.

[RFP page 2, *What Is the Overall Structure of This Initiative?*]

10. Q: Have the inmates participating in the APRI always been housed in a minimum security facility or were they previously placed in a high or medium security facility?

A: The ADOC can only guarantee the inmate will come to the FBCO from a minimum or medium security facility. [RFP page 2, *Target Population*]

11. Q: Will the FBCO be provided with the inmate's previous/current criminal record?

A: Please refer to the Pre Release Reentry Assessment Profile provided in the Institutional Pre Release and Reentry Program packet.

12. Q: Will the inmates have a home plan?

A: The selected FBCO will serve as the inmate's home plan.

[RFP page 2, I. Program Information, 2. *Objectives, Housing*]

13. Q: Will the selected FBCO have access to the Institutional Pre Release Reentry Packet?

A: The selected FBCO will have access to the Institutional Pre Release Reentry Packet prepared prior to release by the ADOC Social Worker.

14. Q: Will the inmates to be released to the FBCO on a schedule?

A: The ADOC cannot guarantee a release schedule.

15. Q: Will the selected FBCO receive all 100 inmates at one time?

A: The ADOC will release inmates over a two year period, beginning March 2009 to the selected FBCO. [RFP page 2, *What Is the Overall Structure of This Initiative? & Will There Be a Planning Period After Grant Award?*]

16. Q: Please clarify "100 male or female offenders successfully completing the program."

A: If an inmate that is in the selected FBCO is rearrested for any purpose or refuses to participate in the program at any point and time, the inmate is considered "unsuccessful" and will be replaced by another inmate from the ADOC. A total of 100 inmates must successfully complete the program. The FBCO may actually serve more than 100 inmates, if an inmate does not successfully complete the FBCO portion of the program. [RFP page 2, *What Is the Overall Structure of This Initiative? & Will There Be a Planning Period After Grant Award?*]

17. Q: If an inmate completes his/her sentence before the 6 months in the FBCO, does that count against the 100 successful completion rate?

A: No. [RFP page 2, *What Is the Overall Structure of This Initiative?*]

18.Q: Will the FBCO be notified prior to the inmates release to the selected FBCO?

A: Yes, the selected FBCO will receive two weeks notice prior to the release of the inmate to the FBCO. [RFP page 2, *What Is the Overall Structure of This Initiative?*]
Also, refer to the ADOC Administrative Regulation 452 Supervised Reentry Program. <http://www.doc.alabama.gov/docs/AdminRegs/AR452.pdf>

19.Q: Can you explain more about the 8 week Substance Abuse Program (SAP)?

A: SAP is offered to all ADOC inmates as part of our Institutional Pre Release and Reentry Program and is not specific to this grant alone. The 8 week SAP program offers comprehensive modules on drug education, the addiction process, parenting, STD education, signs and symptoms of chemical dependency, relapse prevention, criminal and addictive thinking, behavior modification, support groups, sponsorship and the twelve step process.

20.Q: Can the assumption be made that all participants are substance abusers?

A: Refer to RFP page 1, I. Program Information, *1. Background*.

21.Q: Is it required that the substance abuse programming provided by the selected FBCO be certified?

A: The ADOC expects that they be certified in all of our pre release and reentry programs.

22.Q: Can the selected FBCO provide services longer than 6 months?

A: Yes. A minimum of 6 months is required. [RFP page 2, *What Is the Overall Structure of This Initiative?*]

23.Q: What will the inmate's status be after the minimum of 6 months in the FBCO?

A: Either the inmate will be at the End of Sentence (EOS) or they will continue with the ADOC Supervised Reentry Program. Please refer to the ADOC Administrative Regulation 452 Supervised Reentry Program.
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24.Q: Is the selected FBCO required to follow-up with the program participants?

A: Yes, this Initiative priority includes employment services; employment services include follow-up services to increase job retention. [RFP page 1, #2 Objectives, *Employment*]

25.Q: Can funds be used towards the salary of a case manager?

A: The funds cannot be used towards any salary. [RFP page 2, *What Are Allowable Uses of Grant Funds?*] Funds can be used for case management, workforce development, job training, on-the-job training, work experience, basic skills remediation, mentoring, and other reentry services.

26.Q: What is the process of allocating funds?

A: On a monthly reimbursement basis. [RFP page 3, Selection Criteria, #4]

27.Q: How will the selected FBCO request reimbursement from the ADOC?

A: The ADOC Accounting Division is developing a form. Proof of purchase, receipts, etc. will be required to accompany the request for reimbursement.

28.Q: What is the expected cost per participant?

A: It is up to each FBCO to determine the cost.

29.Q: If the selected FBCO keeps an inmate more than 6 months, can the FBCO continue request reimbursement for that inmate after 6 months?

A: Yes, it is up to the FBCO to determine how the \$162,000 will best be used to serve 100 successful inmates within the two year project period.

30.Q: When will the selected FBCO be notified of the award?

A: The ADOC anticipates to give notification of the award at the beginning of December.

31.Q: What is the relationship between this grant, The Alabama Prisoner Reentry Initiative that FBCOs in Jefferson County applying for, and the Department of Labor grant that was due November 4, 2008?

A: The Department of Labor grant is separate from and has no bearing on the Alabama Prisoner Reentry Initiative FBCOs in Jefferson County are applying for.